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Miami Beach's South Pointe Park to Feature Glacial Artwork *Internationally Renowned Artist Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle Commissioned*

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach approved the selection of a public art commission for an original work of art entitled “Drift” by world-renowned artist Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle for South Pointe Park.

The project was commissioned in conjunction with the re-design and renovation of South Pointe Park and will be installed at the West Palm Lawns in the park upon completion of the park's renovation in 2007.

Sculpted in gleaming white marble with steel interior structure, “Drift” is a reproduction of an arctic iceberg based on scientific data gathered by the Canadian Hydraulics Center. The sculpture will be 26 feet wide and 16 feet tall at its peak and will be visible to boaters and cruise passengers who pass through Government Cut. Visitors will also have the opportunity to view “Drift” up close.

“‘Drift’ will be a wonderful addition to the newly renovated South Pointe Park and we are excited to share this original work of art with the entire community,” said Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez.

Art in Public Places Chairperson Jeremy T. Chestler added, “‘Drift’ is an important and sophisticated work by an artist whose extraordinary talent is internationally recognized. With the selection of this work, Miami Beach makes a bold statement about its commitment to providing residents and visitors with free access to the arts, and brings renewed attention to our city's dynamic cultural arts community.”

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Visitors will be able to imagine the iceberg adrift in the currents of the Atlantic Ocean, being pushed by the wind into Government Cut and finally coming to rest on the shore of Biscayne Bay in South Pointe Park. The artwork is intended to coexist as architecture, art and landscape.

World-renowned artist Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle has exhibited his works in numerous museums and galleries, and has also been the recipient of many honors and fellowships, including the Award for Excellence in Design by the Art Commission of the City of New York, the Bicentennial Medal by Williams College, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, and the National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artist Fellowship. He is a professor at the School of Art and Design, College of Architecture and the Arts, at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

The "Drift" project was coordinated by the City's Arts in Public Places Committee, which selected and recommended Manglano-Ovalle "Drift" to the City Commission. The project was passed by the Commission and the City's Design Review Board, and is currently undergoing the permitting process.

Total cost of the project is: \$500,000, funded by Art in Public from South Pointe Park Project (\$153,000); Capital Budget South Pointe Capital Fund – Contribution for South Pointe Area Art in Public Places (\$135,000); and FY 2006 South Pointe Contingency Capital Fund (\$212,000).

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